

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 8 and 15 with the following amended claims. A version of the claims marked with the revisions is shown in the enclosed Appendix.

SUB D17

1. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for handling tasks, comprising:

- a data component that stores, retrieves and manipulates data utilizing a plurality of functions; and
- a client component including:
 - an adapter component that transmits and receives data to/from the data component,
 - a business component that serves as a data cache and includes logic for manipulating the data, and
 - a controller component adapted to handle events generated by a user utilizing the business component to cache data and the adapter component to ultimately persist data to a data repository,

wherein the client component is adapted for allowing a user to define tasks to be carried out by an employee that achieve a goal upon completion, allowing the user to input rules which dictate which of the tasks should be selected based on predetermined events, receiving at least one event, and outputting the task which is selected based on the received event in accordance with the rules.

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SUB D57

8. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for handling tasks, comprising:

- a user interface form code segment adapted for collecting data from a user input;
- a business object code segment adapted for caching data;
- an adapter code segment adapted for transmitting data to a server;

and

- a controller component code segment adapted for handling events generated by the user interacting with the user interface code segment, providing validation within a logic unit of work, containing logic to interact with the business component, creating one or more business objects, interacting with the adapter component to add, retrieve, modify, or delete business objects, and providing dirty flag processing to notify a user of change processing;

wherein the computer program is adapted for allowing a user to define tasks to be carried out by an employee that achieve a goal upon completion, allowing the user to input rules which dictate which of the tasks should be selected based on predetermined events, receiving at least one event, and outputting the task which is selected based on the received event in accordance with the rules.

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SUB D9

15. (Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for allowing communication between a plurality of clients and a server in order to handle tasks, comprising:

one or more client components included with each client, each client component of each client adapted for communicating and manipulating data with a first data type,

wherein the client component is adapted for allowing a user to define tasks to be carried out by an employee that achieve a goal upon completion, allowing the user to input rules which dictate which of the tasks should be selected based on predetermined events, receiving at least one event, and outputting the task which is selected based on the received event in accordance with the rules;

one or more server components adapted for communicating and manipulating data with a second data type; and

one or more adapter components included with each client for translating data from the one or more client components to the second data type when communicating data from the client to the server and further translating data from the one or more server components to the first data type when communicating data from the server to the client.

32. (New) The computer program of claim 2 wherein the data component is adapted to store data indicating the employee who completed the task.

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"tasks"
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33. (New) The computer program of claim 5 wherein completion of a task is a predetermined event.

34. (New) The computer program of claim 9 wherein the computer program is adapted to store data indicating the employee who completed the task.

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35. (New) The computer program of claim 11 wherein completion of a task is a predetermined event.

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36. (New) The computer program of claim 16 wherein the client component is adapted to communicate data indicating the employee who completed the task.

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(4th step)

37. (New) The computer program of claim 5 wherein completion of a task is a predetermined event.
